English Home Language · Grade 6

Memorandum · Term 3–4

TOTAL
67
MARKS

Marking guidelines

1. Award the full mark for a correct answer, even if the learner words it differently.
2. Where a question asks for FULL sentences, the answer must be a complete sentence before the mark is awarded.
3. Where a question asks for two or more things, award one mark per correct item.
4. Summary: award marks against the rubric printed with the question, not for exact wording.
5. In Question 4, spelling must be correct for the mark to be awarded.

Question	Answer	Marks	Marking note
QUESTION 1 · Reading Comprehension · 20 marks			
1.1	The lighthouse stopped being staffed in 1994.	**1**	
1.2	The nearest neighbour was eleven kilometres away; the water is rough for two hundred days of the year; Elsie was twice cut off by storms for more than three weeks.	**2**	*Any two. One mark each.*
1.3	She was thirty-four when she started in 1971, and she stayed twenty-three years until 1994.	**2**	*1 mark for her age, 1 mark for the length of service.*
1.4	Cleaning the lamp at dawn; writing up the log; radioing the weather through at eight; servicing the generator; sweeping the steps; lighting the lamp at dusk.	**2**	*Any two. One mark each.*
1.5	A lighthouse only works if it is reliable every single hour. A light that fails even briefly gives sailors no warning at all — the rock simply becomes an invisible danger again.	**2**	*1 mark for reliability, 1 mark for the danger it creates.*
1.6	The boat lost its engine within sight of the rock. Elsie could not reach it, so she kept the lamp burning and the radio open for nineteen hours until a rescue vessel came from Mossel Bay.	**2**	*1 mark for the breakdown, 1 mark for what she did.*

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1.7	It lists a routine so full of tasks from dawn to dusk that there was no empty time in which loneliness could take hold.	**2**	*1 mark for the full routine, 1 mark for linking it to loneliness.*
1.8	It describes exactly what her job was, night after night for twenty-three years; and it also stands for her character — she did not give up, even through storms and the 1983 rescue.	**3**	*1 mark for the literal meaning, 1 mark for the figurative meaning, 1 mark for a clear explanation.*
1.9	Any reasoned opinion with two supporting reasons drawn from the text.	**4**	*1 mark for the opinion, 1 mark per reason, 1 mark for reference to the text. Both 'yes' and 'no' are correct.*
QUESTION 2 · Visual Text · 10 marks			
2.1	A holiday coding club.	**1**	*Accept any answer showing it advertises a coding or computer course.*
2.2	At the George Library.	**1**	
2.3	R120.	**1**	
2.4	Children/learners who want to learn coding in the July holidays, including beginners.	**1**	*Accept any sensible audience supported by a clue, e.g. 'Beginners welcome', 'Your first web page', 'Holiday', 'two learners per screen'.*
2.5	1 to 5 July.	**1**	
2.6	To make readers act quickly and book early, because there are only a few places (it creates urgency).	**1**	
2.7	Your first web page; a quiz that keeps score; a simple maze game; a digital poster.	**2**	*Any two from the left column.*
2.8	Orange stands out against the dark blue and draws the eye to the heading and the list (1); any one other feature: big bold heading / three picture boxes / information in two columns with headings / bullet points (1).	**2**	*1 mark for the colour explanation, 1 mark for another design feature.*

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QUESTION 3 · Summary · 5 marks			
3.1	The lighthouse has been automated since 1994 after eighty-one years of keepers. Elsie Marais was the last keeper, serving from 1971 in extreme isolation. She said the work was not lonely because the daily routine left no gap. In 1983 she kept the lamp and radio going for nineteen hours and four men were saved. The lighthouse is now a museum with a plate reading "She kept it burning." (69 words)	**5**	*Mark against the rubric. Do not deduct for wording that differs from the memo.*
QUESTION 4 · Language Structures and Conventions · 32 marks			
4.1	How long did Elsie work at Cape Meridian?	**1**	*Capital letters and question mark all required.*
4.2	Elsie had lit the lamp before dusk.	**1**	*'had + past participle' required.*
4.3	The lamp is turned by a machine.	**1**	
4.4	Elsie said that she had never been lonely there.	**1**	*Tense, pronoun and adverb of place must all change.*
4.5	Nobody	**1**	
4.6	eventually	**1**	
4.7	extremely	**1**	
4.8	A written record of what happened each day (not a piece of wood).	**1**	
4.9	An understatement – the situation was much more serious than she makes it sound.	**1**	*Both the term and the explanation needed.*
4.10	auto — meaning 'self' or 'by itself'	**1**	*Both the prefix and its meaning are required.*
4.11	Cleaning	**1**	
4.12	couldn't	**1**	*The apostrophe is required.*
4.13	four men	**1**	
4.14	Elsie could not reach the boat, but she kept the radio open.	**1**	*Accept 'so,' 'yet' or 'although' if the sentence still makes sense.*
4.15	The imperative mood (it gives a command).	**1**	

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4.16	The boat drifted towards the rocks because its engine had failed.	**1**	*Do not reuse 'kept the radio open': that is 4.14's sentence.*
4.17	A complex sentence (a main clause and a subordinate clause beginning with 'when').	**1**	*Do not use an 'and/but' sentence here: it would give away 4.14.*
4.18	Elsie had three jobs at dawn: clean the lamp, write the log and check the generator.	**1**	
4.19	The storm lasted three weeks; Elsie never left the rock.	**1**	*'Elsie' keeps its capital letter.*
4.20	A metaphor — time is said to BE a thief because it takes things away without us noticing.	**1**	
4.21	Personification — leaves are given a human action.	**1**	
4.22	re-spon-si-ble; in-ter-est-ing	**1**	*Accept in-te-rest-ing as well.*
4.23	The leaves RUSTLED in the wind. — "rustled" sounds like the noise itself, letting the reader hear the scene.	**1**	
4.24	"Light" means both 'easy, not heavy' and the light of the lighthouse.	**1**	*Both meanings needed.*
4.25	Elsie Marais (the last keeper) served for twenty-three years.	**1**	
4.26	A clause – it has its own subject and verb (the lamp needed).	**1**	*Term and reason both needed.*
4.27	will have checked	**1**	
4.28	Alliteration — the same sound (w) is repeated at the start of several words.	**1**	
4.29	Any sensible example with three or more words starting with the same sound, e.g. "Busy bees buzzed by the bush."	**1**	
4.30	rising	**1**	
4.31	Hope / safety / guidance.	**1**	*Any one.*
4.32	steep	**1**	

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